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Francis Marion Memorial
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Approval of comments on alternative
sites

ACTION TAKEN

Approve as requested

REVIEW AUTHORITY

--Commemorative Works Act

The Commission:

Provides the following comments on the Francis Marion Memorial Site Selection Study:

Supports locating the memorial within Marion Park, Alternative C, which is linked to General Marion by name. The park is also physically aligned with the commemorative work honoring Revolutionary War figure Nathaniel Green, located directly to the north within Stanton Park. Finally, at 1.5 acres, Marion Park is of a size that can accommodate several different public uses.

Recommends that if Marion Park is selected as the preferred site that the memorial sponsor develop design concepts that accommodate the memorial program while protecting the open space and public uses that currently exist on the site. The development of the memorial program and design concepts should be carried out in consultation with the community.

Notes that South Carolina Avenue and C Street, SE, Alternative E, is another feasible location that could possibly hold a very modest memorial, which could add visual interest to the site. However, given the small size of this parcel, the ability to accommodate the memorial program while protecting existing open space and public uses would be more limited than some of the other alternatives.

Notes that the Commission considers Alternatives A, B, D, and F to be less viable for a new commemorative work at this time; and therefore, does not recommend these sites for further study.

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